Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: Yes, somewhere thereabout.

(The answer was read in Malayalam.—

"Adit" tunnels at Pallivasal.

29. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the necessity for the two small tunnels; called "Adit";

(*b*) the cost of each of these tunnels; and

(*c*) the length of each of these tunnels?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) This is with a view to obtain more points of attack which will help the contractor to expedite the speedy execution of the tunnel work;

(*b*) No expenditure has been incurred by the department on these "Adits" which form part of the contract for the whole tunnel.

(*c*) One is 231 feet long and the other 275 feet.

(The answer was read in Malayalam.)

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: മെയിൻടണ്ണലിന്റെ നീളം ഇത്രഅടിയാണെന്ന് കൺടാക്ട്കൊടുത്തകാലത്തു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha menon: ഉദ്ദേശം പതിനായിരം അടിയാണെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: പതിനായിരത്തി ഇരുന്നൂറടി എന്നല്ലേ ആദ്യം നിശ്ചയിച്ചതു്?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: അല്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ടണ്ണൽ ഓപ്പൺചെയ്ത അവസരത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായ ഒരു പ്രസംഗമല്ലേ ടണ്ണലിന്റെ നീളം പതിനായിരത്തി ഇരുന്നൂറടിയാണെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: അങ്ങനെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിരിക്കാം.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

President: The House is aware that the non-official members have a right to elect one of themselves to the Public Accounts Committee and another member to the Standing Finance Committee,

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[President.]

President has to fix the date of such election and the method of the election. I think it will meet the convenience of the House if I fix Wednesday next, the 15th instant, for the purpose of election. The election will take place immediately after the business of the House is over and it will be presided over by Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi, one of the two on the Panel of Chairmen.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND I—EDUCATION.

Mr. R. M. Statham: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 46,04,579 under Demand I—Education.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: (*Mavelikara and Kartikapalli cum Kunnattur*): Sir, I move that the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,579 under Education be omitted. In doing so, I want to draw the attention of Government to some of the unwholesome features of the present educational policy of the State. Last year, while the non-official members were offering criticisms on the existing educational system, Government hushed them all to silence by the fact that Mr. Statham and his committee were hard at work and the Government promised that, as soon as the Committee's report was submitted to them, necessary action would be taken on it. But, I am afraid that the Government have not implemented their promises given during the last Budget Session. The Educational Reforms Committee have submitted their report and there has been a discussion on the floor of this House. The Educational Advisory Board also has been formed in pursuance of the recommendations in the report. But I am sorry to point out that education is even now stagnating in the State, without any definite policy or aim. It is true that the report contains many valuable suggestions but I am afraid they are all put under the refrigerator. The salutory reforms, many of them, recommended in the report, which have been accepted by the Government of India, as will be seen in their last quinquennial report, especially as regards wastage and stagnation, are not heeded by the present Government.

I am also sorry to point out that the Government are not paying any great attention to elementary education. While colleges and high schools are attended to, the lot of the elementary schools, both of the teachers and of the boys and girls, is not heeded by the Government. More than 50per cent. of our children are in private schools and the rest are in Government schools. The school buildings and the furniture of these schools are not worthy of any modern civilised state.

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